

For the Period July 14 to 20, 2015

Haying continues in the province. Livestock producers now have 54 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage, with an additional 18 per cent cut and ready for baling, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

Rain showers have delayed haying in some areas. Hay quality is currently rated as two per cent excellent, 52 per cent good, 38 per cent fair and eight per cent poor. Hay yields on dry land are well below the five-year average (2010-2014). Average hay yields on dry land are estimated to be 0.8 ton per acre for alfalfa, 0.9 ton per acre for alfalfa/brome hay, 0.7 ton per acre for both other tame hay and wild hay and 1.3 tons per acre for greenfeed. On irrigated land, average hay yields are estimated to be 2.2 tons per acre for alfalfa and alfalfa/brome hay, 2.5 tons per acre for other tame hay, 1.9 tons per acre for wild hay and 3.1 tons per acre for greenfeed.

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Much of the province received rain last week that has helped alleviate moisture stress in some areas. Rainfall ranged from small amounts to several inches. Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved in many areas. Provincially, topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as two per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and 13 per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 36 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and 20 per cent very short.

Sixty-six per cent of the fall cereals, 68 per cent of the spring cereals, 64 per cent of the oilseeds and 63 per cent of the pulse crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year. Crops are ripening quickly, although the majority remain in poor-to-good condition. Lack of moisture and insects such as grasshoppers and aphids have caused the most crop damage this week.

Farmers are busy cutting hay, controlling pests and readying harvest equipment.

One year ago

Fourty-two per cent of the 2014 hay crop had been cut and 49 per cent had been baled or put into silage. Rain and high humidity delayed haying and decreased hay quality.

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SK Crop Development - July 20

	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	29	66	5
Spring Cereals	16	68	16
Oilseeds	13	64	23
Pulse Crops	24	63	13

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 1 – Carnduff, Estevan, Redvers, Moosomin and Kipling areas; Crop District 2 – Weyburn, Milestone, Moose Jaw, Regina and Qu'Appelle areas; Crop District 3ASE – Radville and Lake Alma areas)

Haying continues in the region and 61 per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage. An additional 17 per cent is cut and ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 65 per cent good, 30 per cent fair and five per cent poor. Yields are well-below average and many producers are hoping for timely rains so that a second cut may be possible.

SE SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	29	68	3
Spring Cereals	22	65	13
Oilseeds	21	61	18
Pulse Crops	23	61	16

Much of the region received rainfall this past week that has helped alleviate moisture stress in many areas. The Tantallon area received the greatest amount of rainfall for the week (48 mm), bringing its total received since April 1 to 196 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved thanks to the recent rain. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as one per cent surplus, 53 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 34 per cent adequate, 57 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Crop District 3ASE is reporting that 40 per cent of cropland, hay land and pasture remain very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Many crops are ripening quickly in the region and some producers have indicated that they will begin desiccating pulses and combining winter cereals in the coming weeks. There are reports of crops being sprayed for grasshoppers and aphids, although damage is minimal in many areas. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by wind, hail, insects and lack of moisture.

Farmers are busy cutting hay and readying harvest equipment.

Estimated Southeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.0	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.0	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.7	N/A
Wild Hay	0.7	N/A
Greenfeed	1.4	N/A

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 3ASW – Coronach, Assiniboia and Ogema areas; Crop District 3AN – Gravelbourg, Mossbank, Mortlach and Central Butte areas; Crop District 3B – Kyle, Swift Current, Shaunavon and Ponteix areas; Crop District 4 – Consul, Maple Creek and Leader areas)

Seventy-two per cent of the hay crop has now been baled or put into silage, with an additional 16 per cent cut and soon ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 43 per cent good, 50 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Hay yields are significantly less than normal and many producers are hoping that rain comes soon so that a second cut of hay may be possible.

Rain was welcomed in the region as it has helped to alleviate moisture stress in some areas. The Hazenmore area received 47 mm of rain this past week, bringing its total received since April 1 to 187 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly deteriorated despite the recent rain. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 23 per cent adequate, 47 per cent short and 30 per cent very short, while hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 15 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 48 per cent very short. Crop District 4B is reporting that 72 per cent of cropland and 70 per cent of hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

SW SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	36	59	5
Spring Cereals	27	63	10
Oilseeds	24	62	14
Pulse Crops	37	56	7

There are indications that producers are likely to begin desiccating pulses and harvesting winter cereals in the coming weeks. Crops are ripening quickly, although there are concerns that the hot weather will affect crops that are still flowering. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by lack of moisture and insects such as grasshoppers and aphids.

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Estimated Southwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.6	2.4
Brome/Alfalfa	0.6	2.7
Other Tame Hay	0.7	N/A
Wild Hay	0.4	2.0
Greenfeed	0.9	N/A

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop District 5 – Melville, Yorkton, Cupar, Kamsack, Foam Lake, Preeceville and Kelvington areas; Crop District 6A – Lumsden, Craik, Watrous and Clavet areas)

Livestock producers now have 40 per cent of the hay crop baled or put into silage. An additional 23 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as three per cent excellent, 50 per cent good, 44 per cent fair and three per cent poor. Hay yields are significantly less than normal and feed shortage concerns continue.

EC SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	20	76	4
Spring Cereals	13	72	15
Oilseeds	10	67	23
Pulse Crops	11	81	8

The region received varying amounts of rain this past week, ranging from small amounts to 67 mm in the Saltcoats area. Since April 1, the Saltcoats area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for both the region and the province (229 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions have slightly improved, although additional rain will be needed to help crops fill and pastures grow. Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as nine per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 15 per cent short and five per cent very short. Hay land and

pasture topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent excellent, 67 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and four per cent very short. Crop District 5B is reporting that 18 per cent of cropland acres and 11 per cent of hay and pasture land have surplus topsoil moisture at this time.

Crops are ripening quickly, although many later-seeded crops are just starting to flower. Some producers are spraying for diseases such as fusarium and insects such as aphids and wheat midge. Most crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture, wind, hail and insects.

Farmers are busy cutting hay and controlling pests.

Estimated East-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.9	2.3
Brome/Alfalfa	1.0	2.3
Other Tame Hay	0.8	N/A
Wild Hay	0.8	N/A
Greenfeed	1.3	N/A

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B – Hanley, Outlook, Loreburn, Saskatoon and Arelee areas; Crop District 7A – Rosetown, Kindersley, Eston, Major; CD 7B - Kerrobert, Macklin, Wilkie and Biggar areas)

Haying continues in the region. Fifty-nine per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage and an additional 17 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality at this time is rated as 35 per cent good, 40 per cent fair and 25 per cent poor. Hay yields are significantly down and quality has deteriorated in some areas.

WC SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	2	82	16
Spring Cereals	14	57	29
Oilseeds	11	59	30
Pulse Crops	10	71	19

Rain was welcomed in the region this past week as it helped to alleviate moisture stress in some areas. The Dinsmore area received the greatest amount for the region (65 mm), while the Smiley area has received the greatest amount of rainfall since April 1 (160 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved slightly. Conditions on cropland are rated as 40 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and 20 per cent very short. Topsoil moisture conditions on hay land and pasture are rated as 29 per cent adequate, 40 per cent short and 31 per cent very short. Crop District 6B is reporting that 26 per cent of cropland and 33 per cent of hay land and pasture are very short topsoil moisture at this time.

Desiccation of pulses and combining of winter cereals will begin soon in the region as crops are ripening quickly. However, there are many crops that are behind their normal developmental stages and will need more time to mature. Some producers are spraying for grasshoppers, aphids and fusarium when conditions allow. The majority of crop damage this week was caused by lack of moisture, hail, wind and insects.

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Estimated West-central Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.7	2.0
Brome/Alfalfa	0.7	1.9
Other Tame Hay	0.5	2.5
Wild Hay	0.5	1.9
Greenfeed	1.1	3.1

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop District 8 – Hudson Bay, Tisdale, Melfort, Carrot River, Humboldt, Kinistino, Cudworth and Aberdeen areas; Crop District 9AE – Prince Albert, Choceland and Paddockwood areas)

Forty-three per cent of the hay is now baled or put into silage, while an additional 16 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as eight per cent excellent, 69 per cent good and 23 per cent fair. Recent rain has delayed haying and lowered quality in some areas.

Much of the region received rain that has helped to alleviate moisture stress in many areas. The Porcupine Plain area reported 76 mm of rainfall this past week, while the Star City area has reported 210 mm of rain since April 1.

NE SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	7	91	2
Spring Cereals	11	82	7
Oilseeds	9	75	16
Pulse Crops	20	73	7

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved in the region. Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 86 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and four per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 74 per cent adequate, 21 per cent short and five per cent very short.

Crop development varies across the region, but most crops are in fair-to-good condition. Some producers are spraying for grasshoppers and aphids, although pressure is minimal in many areas. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by lack of moisture, wind and hail.

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Estimated Northeast Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.1	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	1.1	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.9	N/A
Wild Hay	0.8	N/A
Greenfeed	1.0	N/A

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop District 9AW – Shellbrook, North Battleford, Big River and Hafford areas; Crop District 9B – Meadow Lake, Turtleford, Pierceland, Maidstone and Lloydminster areas)

Haying continues in the area with 28 per cent baled or put into silage. An additional 19 per cent is cut and will soon be ready for baling. Hay quality is currently rated as 67 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and 16 per cent poor, but is deteriorating in some areas.

Rainfall this past week ranged from small amounts to 48 mm in the Meadow Lake area. Since April 1, the Duck Lake area has received 170 mm of rainfall, the greatest amount for the region.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved since last week thanks to the recent rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 61 per cent adequate, 38 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 34 per cent adequate, 63 per cent short and three per cent very short.

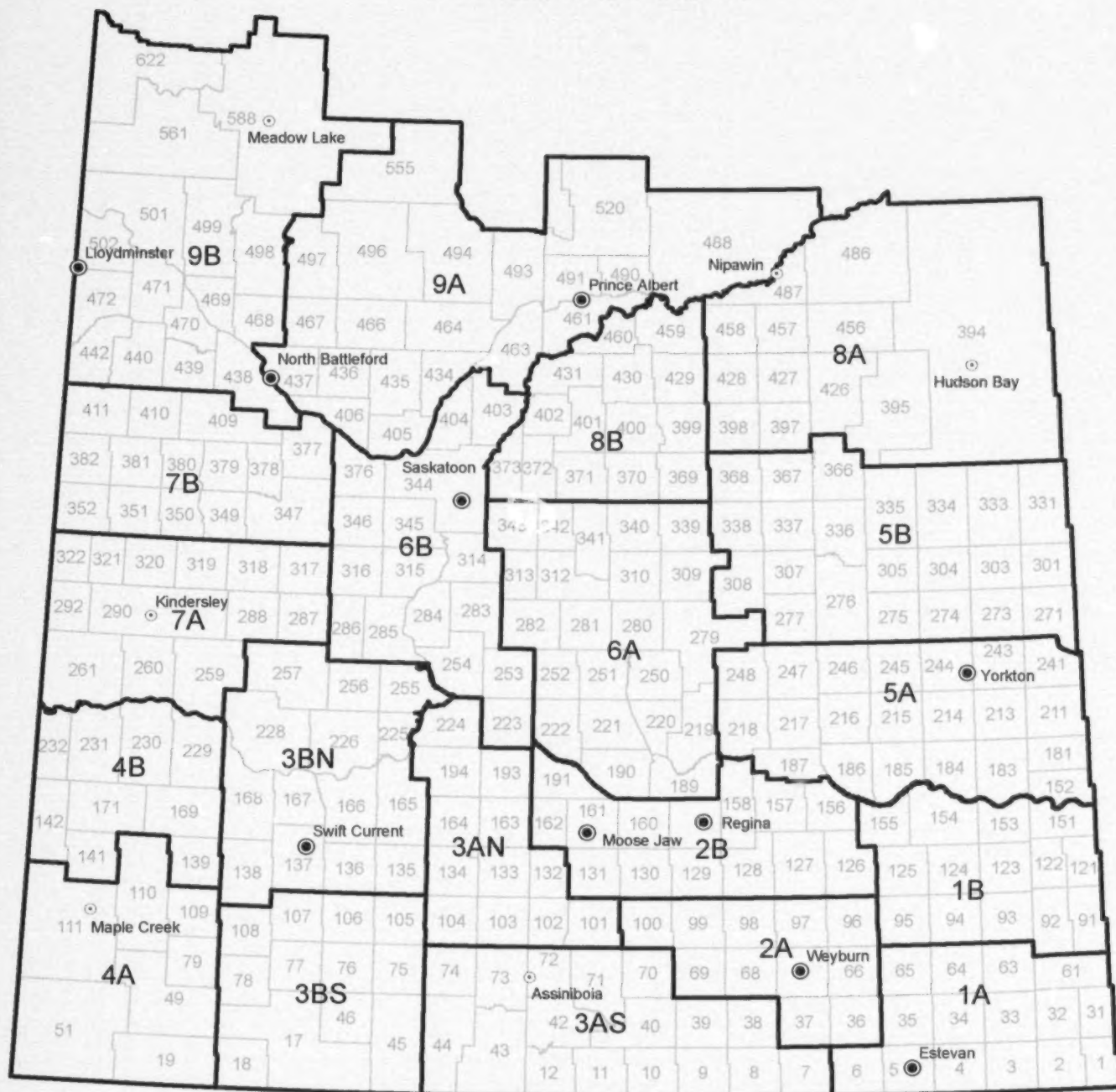
Some producers are spraying crops for grasshoppers and aphids as conditions permit. Crop development varies in the region, but most crops are in poor-to-good condition. The majority of crop damage this past week was caused by lack of moisture, insects and wind.

Farmers are busy controlling pests and cutting hay.

NW SK Crop Development - July 20			
	% Ahead	% Normal	% Behind
Fall Cereals	6	81	13
Spring Cereals	1	76	23
Oilseeds	2	56	42
Pulse Crops	2	85	13

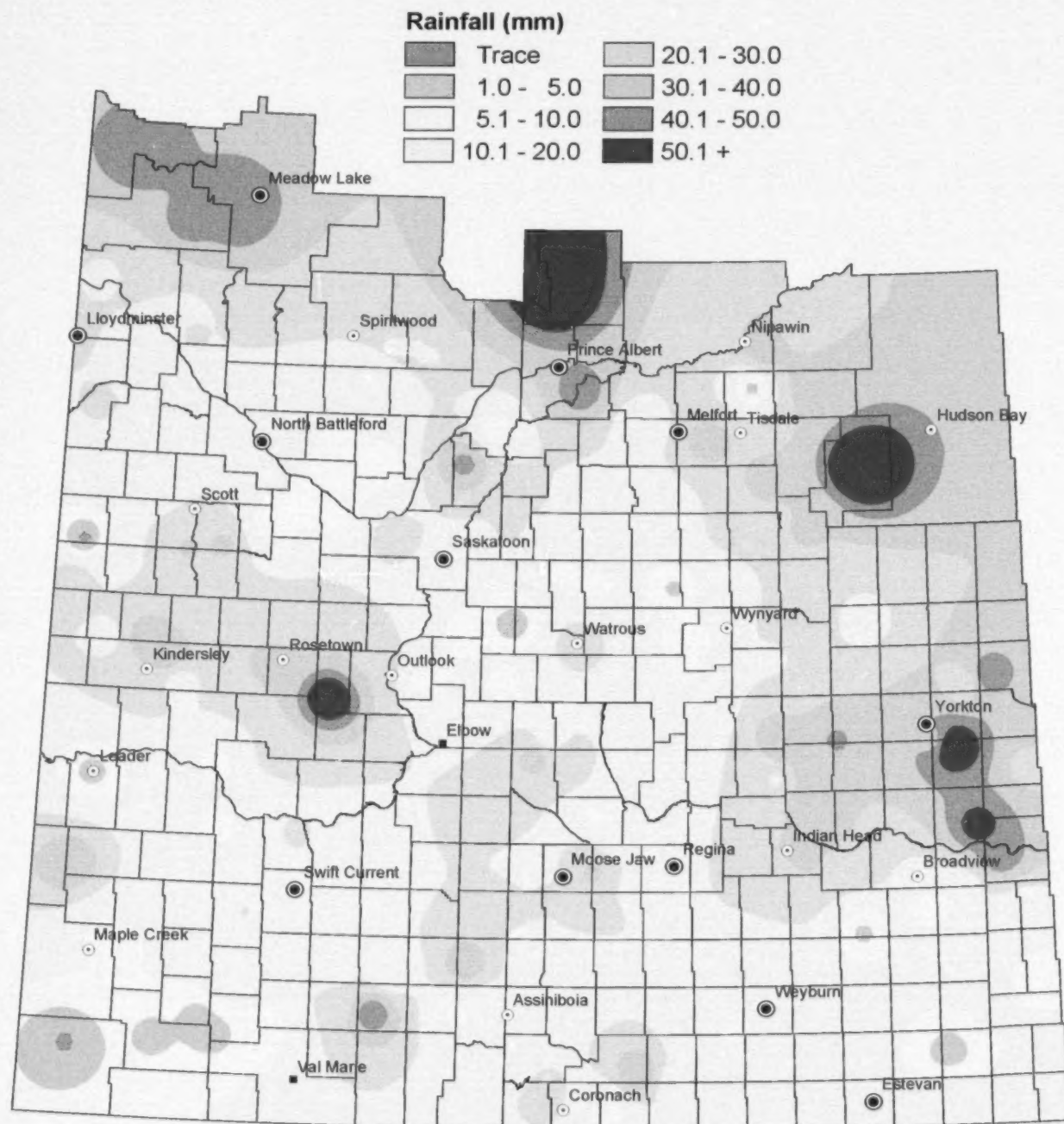
Estimated Northwest Hay Yields (tons/acre) - July 20, 2015		
	Dry land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	0.9	N/A
Brome/Alfalfa	0.9	N/A
Other Tame Hay	0.7	N/A
Wild Hay	1.1	N/A
Greenfeed	1.7	N/A

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

from July 14 to July 20, 2015



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period July 14 to 20, 2015

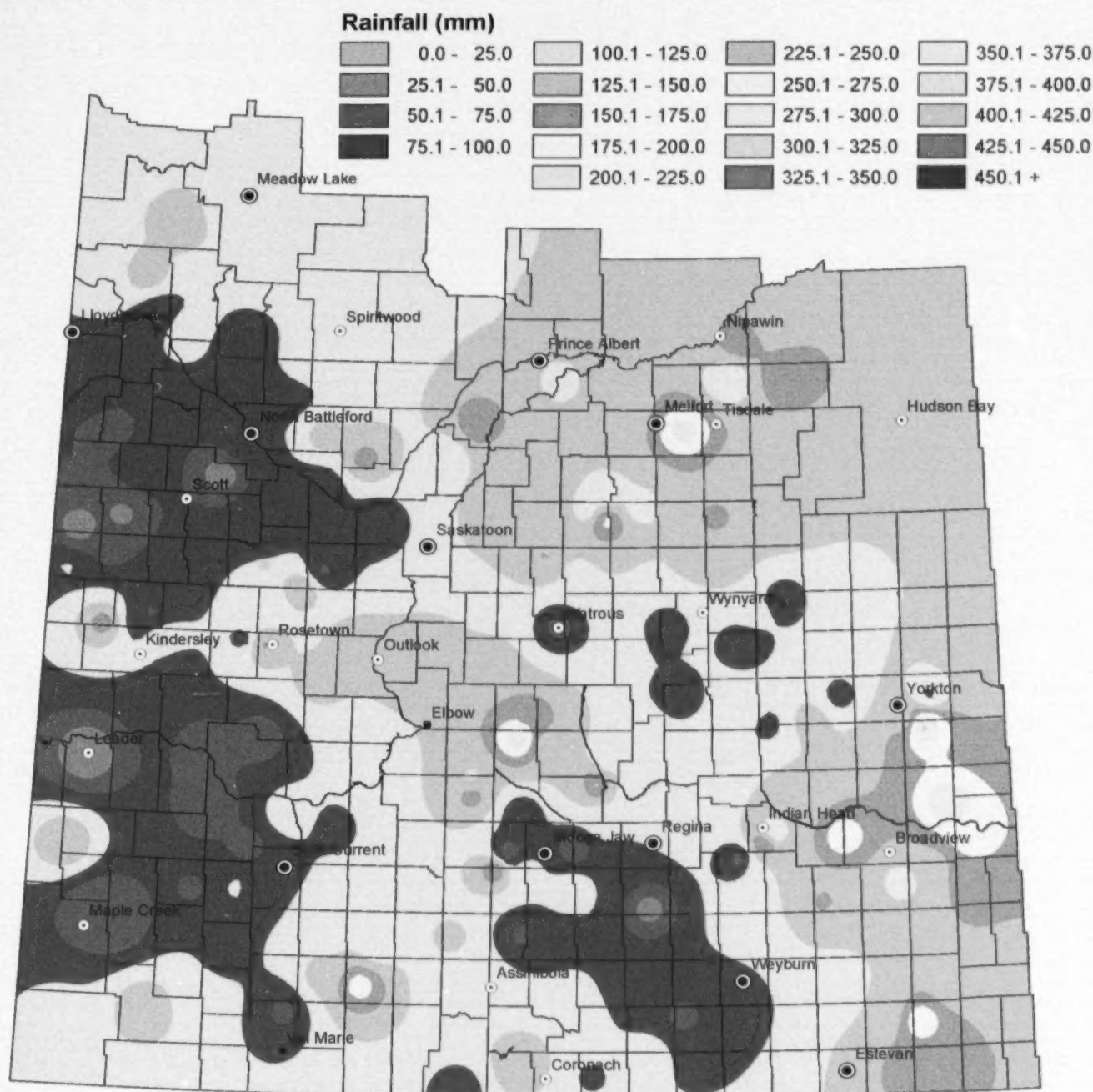
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1A	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	159	4A	49	White Valley	4	149.0	7A	287	St. Andrews	35	153
	3	Enniskillen	14	171		51	Reno	1	104.4		288	Pleasant Valley	N/A	94
	33	Moose Creek	2	192		79	Arlington	3	119		290 A	Kindersley	16	84.8
	34	Browning	N/A	125		109 A	Carmichael	N/A	63		290 B	Kindersley	37	129.9
	61	Anfier	N/A	136		109 B	Carmichael	N/A	49		290 C	Kindersley	N/A	2
	63	Moose Mountain	10	133.7		110	Papot	9	52		292	Milton	N/A	71
	64	Brook	10	127		111	Maple Creek	9	49.8		317 A	Marmott	24	111
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	101.5		130	Gull Lake	15	72		317 B	Marmott	23	148
1B	91	Maryfield	7	140		142	Enterprise	37	144.2		318	Mountain View	25	113
	122	Martin	10	175		169	Pittville	N/A	31		320 A	Oakdale	N/A	71.5
	123	Silverwood	11	144		231	Happyland	4	30		320 B	Oakdale	37	90
	124	Kingsley	6	116		183 B	Fertile Belt	56	223		321	Prairieville	17	159.5
	125 A	Chester	N/A	160		196	Abermethyl	38	138	7B	347	Biggar	9	90
	125 B	Chester	4	124		211	Churchbridge	26	161		350 A	Mariposa	31	75
	151 A	Rocanville	48	196		213	Saltcoats	67	229		350 B	Mariposa	25	87
	154	Elcapo	12	112		216	Tullynet	N/A	62		351	Progress	17	65
	155 A	Walseley	26	193		241	Caldar	36	142		352	Heart's Hill	24	101
2A	67	Weyburn	N/A	81		243	Wallace	N/A	97		377	Glenside	8	89
	68	Brokensholl	9	91		244	Orkney	37	140		378 B	Rosemount	6	88
	97	Wellington	12	103.5		245 A	Garry	N/A	90		379	Reford	32	76
2B	127 A	Francis	22	123		245 B	Garry	41	137		381	Grass Lake	N/A	44.5
	127 B	Francis	20	67		245 C	Garry	N/A	126		382	Eye Hill	NIL	38
	129	Bratt's Lake	N/A	40.5		246	Ituna Bon Accord	N/A	88		409	Buffalo	N/A	33
	131 A	Baldon	28	113		247	Kelkross	34	114		410	Round Valley	13	87.9
	131 B	Baldon	20	72		248	Touchwood	11	81.0	8A	395	Porcupine	76	131
	156 A	Indian Head	39	105		271	Cole	46	129		397	Barrier Valley	33	139.4
	156 B	Indian Head	24	185		273	Sliding Hills	23	102		428	Star City	34	210
	160 A	Pense	32	55		277	Emerald	19	76		456	Arbuckle	36	171
	161	Moose Jaw	14	83	8B	305	Invermay	16	114.5		457	Connaught	4	102.0
	162	Caron	9	53.2		307	Elfron	21	119		486	Moose Range	26	131
	191	Marquis	N/A	79		308 A	Big Quill	6	88		487	Nipawin	39	168
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	10	72.7		308 B	Big Quill	8	98.5	8B	389	St. Peter	10	116
	38 B	Laurier	11	69		331	Livingston	7	73		370 A	Humboldt	14	182
	39 A	The Gap	14	107		336	Sasman	23	81		370 B	Humboldt	N/A	114
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	7	99		337	Lakeview	N/A	146		371	Bayne	18	144
	12	Poplar Valley	25	146		338	Lakeside	14	127		372	Grant	21	134.4
	40 A	Bengough	N/A	N/A		366	Kelvington	31	141		400	Three Lakes	10	110
	40 B	Bengough	40	121		367	Ponass Lake	28	155		402	Fish Creek	23	129
	42	Willow Bunch	16	109		190 A	Dufferin	17	178		429	Flett's Springs	12	133
	43	Old Post	10	90.5	6A	190 B	Dufferin	8	125		459	Kristino	N/A	137
	70	Key West	N/A	25.4		190 C	Dufferin	36	110		460	Birch Hills	45	123.0
	73 A	Stonehenge	8	118.8		190 D	Dufferin	20	114	9AE	465	Torch River	22	131
	73 B	Stonehenge	13	122		219 A	Longlakeston	13	110		520	Paddockwood	68	148
3AN	101	Terrell	11	97		219 B	Longlakeston	12	107		521	Lakeland	68	148
	102	Lake Johnston	10	70.7		220	Mckillop	14	110	9AW	406	Mayfield	5	86
	103	Sutton	38	129		221	Samia	27	129.0		435	Redberry	5	159
	132 A	Hillsborough	27	171		222	Craig	35	216		436	Douglas	8	135
	132 B	Hillsborough	22	107		251	Big Arm	N/A	139.3		463	Duck Lake	6	169.5
	134	Shenrock	N/A	31.5		252	Arm River	15	171		467 A	Round Hill	N/A	85
	193 A	Eyebrow	26	159		279	Mount Hope	N/A	59		467 B	Round Hill	20	106
	193 B	Eyebrow	N/A	122		282	McCraney	8	145	9B	438	Battle River	N/A	85
3BS	17	Val Marie	N/A	66.3		312	Morris	26	67		440	Hillsdale	21	86.5
	75 A	Pinto Creek	47	187		313	Lost River	1	118		442	Manitou Lake	20	80.7
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	43		339	Leroy	4	124.0		498 A	Parkdale	N/A	93.1
	76	Auvergne	21	132		340	Wolverine	8	119		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	76
	77	Wise Creek	7	100		341	Viscount	8	151		499 A	Mervin	21	120.0
	78	Grassy Creek	3	113.5		343 A	Blucher	10	124.7		499 B	Mervin	N/A	31.5
	105	Glenbair	11	119		343 B	Blucher	10	75		501 A	Frenchman Butte	25	137
	106	Whiske Creek	15	121	8B	223	Huron	N/A	61		501 B	Frenchman Butte	10	70
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	75		284	Rudy	6	148		501 C	Frenchman Butte	19	104
	108	Bone Creek	19	88		285	Fertile Valley	29	148		502	Britannia	N/A	54.5
3BN	138 A	Webb	22	114.5		286	Milden	65	136		561	Loon Lake	43	138
	138 B	Webb	13	69.5		314	Dundurn	7	109		585 A	Meadow Lake	N/A	106
	166	Excelsior	10	96		344	Comman Park	24	75		585 B	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	167	Sask. Landing	21	112.4		346	Perdue	N/A	73		585 C	Meadow Lake	48	120
	168 A	Riverside	12	66		376	Eagle Creek	7	91		622	Beaver River	45	117.5
	168 B	Riverside	9	55.2		403	Rosthern	43	114					
	226	Victory	N/A	75										
	228	Lacaterosa	8	57										
	257	Minnet	21	59										

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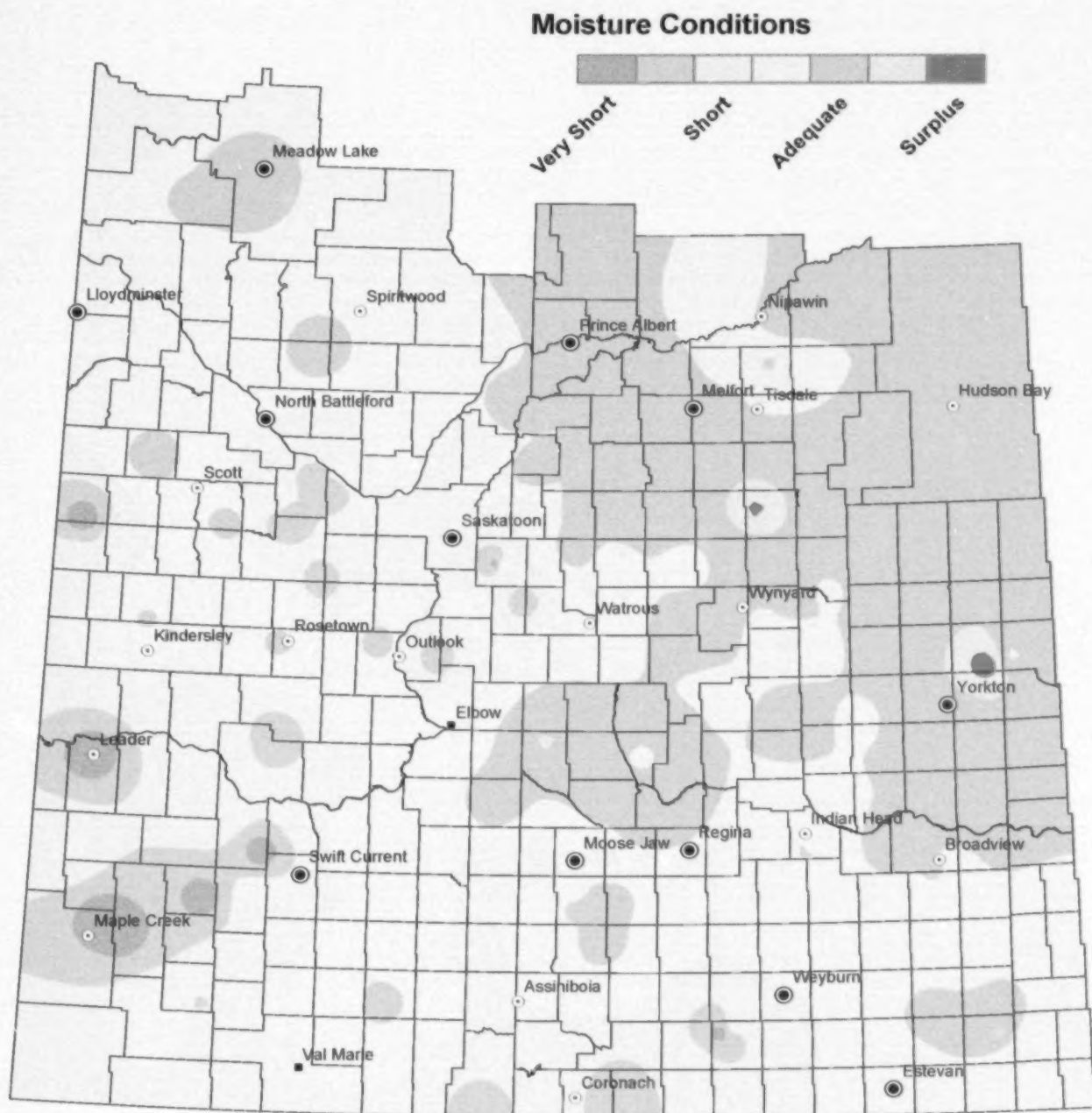
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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

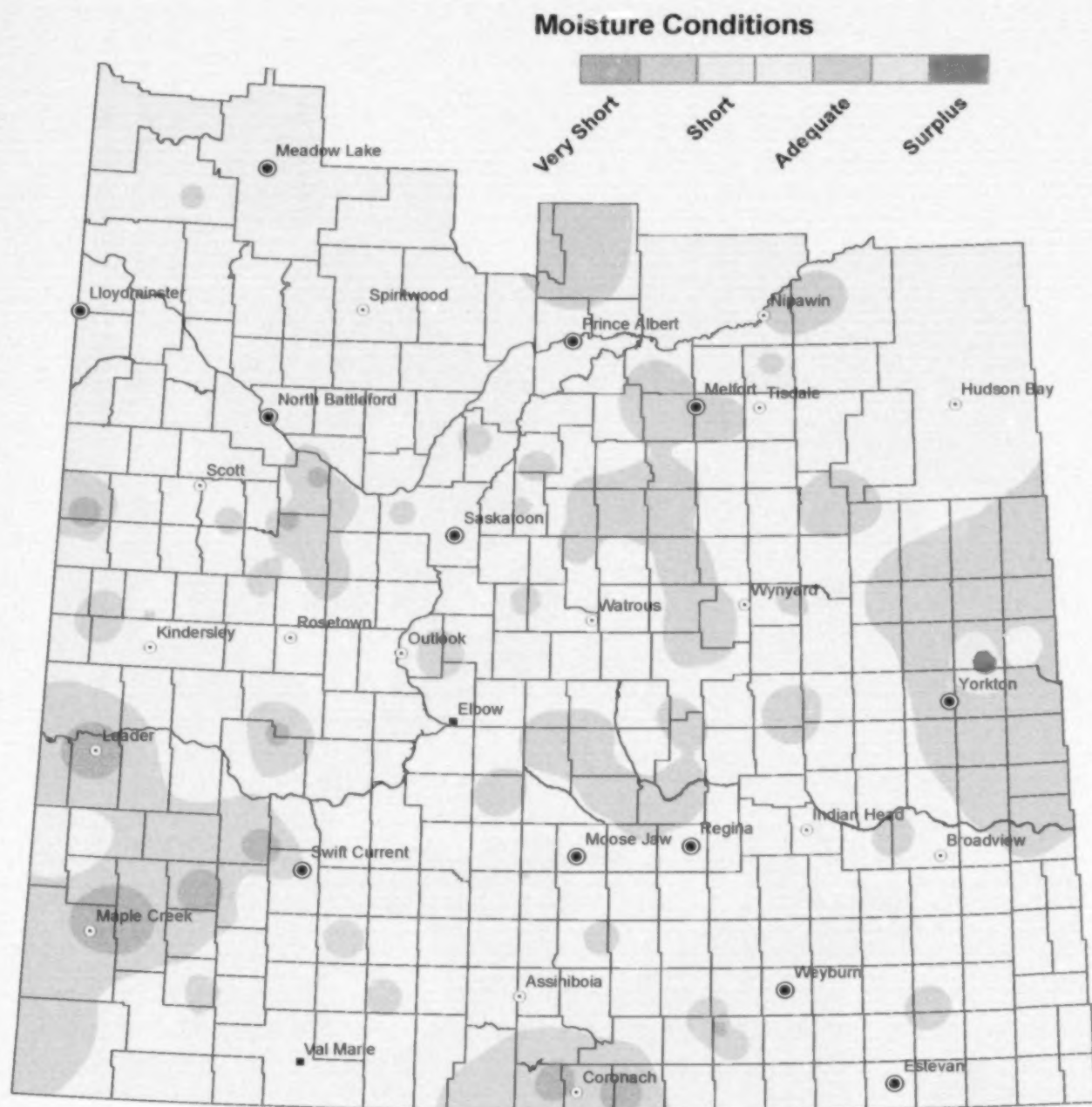
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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 20, 2015



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